

Union walk talks begin

By JOSEPH KEHOE
Editor-in-Chief

A teacher strike may be as little as two weeks away unless a contract settlement is reached between the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild and the Los Angeles Community College District before Sept. 28.

At a meeting held at Los Angeles Trade Technical College on Monday, the AFT rank and file membership voted to meet on Sept. 29 to cast a strike vote if no agreement between the two sides exists by that date.

However, teachers overwhelmingly defeated a resolution to automatically walk off their jobs at the end of the month if they do not have a contract.

Emphasizing a "responsible and prudent" approach, the union leadership urged teachers to wait an additional two weeks before a strike is considered.

Guild President Virginia Mulrooney told the nearly 1,000 instructors in attendance that, "Although your negotiating team recognizes and supports the trade union concept of no contract, no work, it also refuses to act irrationally."

The state legislature has until today to provide additional community college funding. The Board of Trustees has not yet seen a strong show of force by the AFT since the 1983-84 budget was adopted at the end of last month, and therefore, it would be rash to take a more militant stand at this point, Mulrooney said.

Presently, the two sides have agreed on all but two of the major articles in the contract: salary and faculty assignment and load.

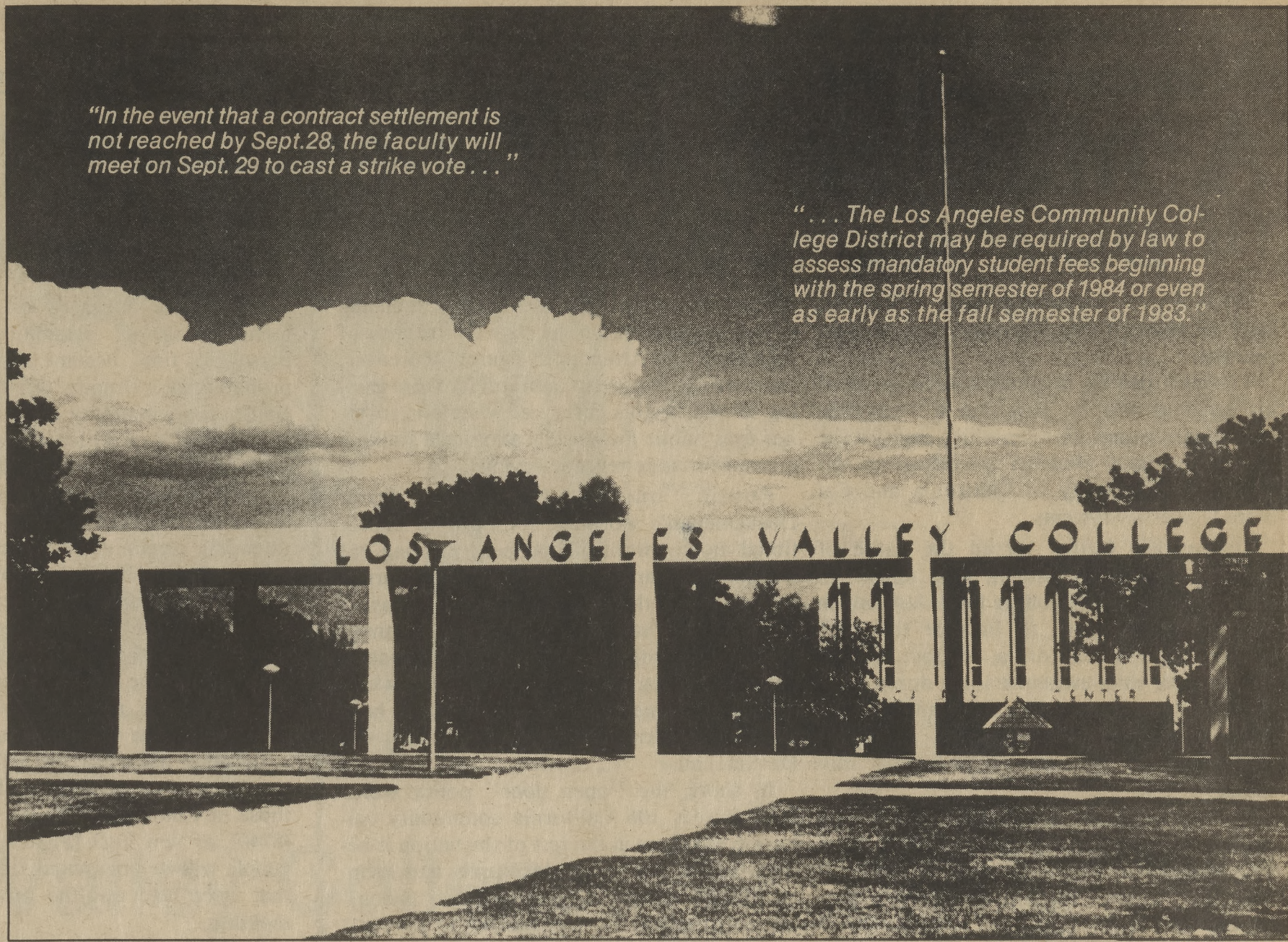
The budget approved by the board, calls for a five percent pay decrease coupled with a 10 percent increase in instructor load. The union has remained steadfast in rejecting these offers, calling them "completely unacceptable."

Having teachers take a five percent cut in salary would save the district slightly over \$4 million.

When later contacted, Norm Schneider, public information officer for the district, was reluctant to state whether the district, without further assistance from Sacramento, could match the level of certified employee salaries for last year.

"Whether we could come up with the monies necessary for whatever final position is reached, I don't

(please see AFT strike, page 3)



"In the event that a contract settlement is not reached by Sept. 28, the faculty will meet on Sept. 29 to cast a strike vote..."

"... The Los Angeles Community College District may be required by law to assess mandatory student fees beginning with the spring semester of 1984 or even as early as the fall semester of 1983."

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LACCD budget for 1983-1984 'weighs heavily on conscience'

By GREGORY POTTER
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A budget proposal calling for the districtwide elimination of 2400 classes, more than 400 classified (non-instructional) personnel, and 120 part-time teachers, was recently adopted on a 5-1 vote by the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

Included in the district's budget document for fiscal year '83-'84 is a 5 percent salary cut for full-time teachers along with a 10 percent

Cutting Classes

By MARY CRONIN
News Editor

Seventy classes originally scheduled to be offered at Valley College this fall were cancelled earlier this month because of district-mandated budget cuts.

An estimated \$115,000 will be saved by cancelling the classes.

Dr. Mary Lee, college president, and Dr. Edwin Young, vice-president in charge of Academic Affairs, decided which classes would be cut after consulting with department representatives.

So-called "low-wish" classes, or classes whose registration was minimal, were the first to be cut, according to Mary Ann Breckell, administrative vice-president.

Those students who enrolled in classes which have been cancelled were notified about the cuts by mail and were given priority when re-registering.

Almost all departments have been affected by the cuts, the impact of which is "hard to predict," according to Breckell.

The spring semester will be similarly affected unless the legislature appropriates more money for the state's community colleges.

The Los Angeles Community College District budget proposal also includes 500 non-teacher layoffs. It is unknown at this time how many Valley non-teaching jobs are in jeopardy.

Breckell insists that, although community colleges "are the victims" of the legislative debate over funding, "we're going to provide a quality educational program for the students."

Dr. Lee agreed that while "educational diversity will be adversely affected, quality will not."

workload increase.

Appropriations totaling \$197 million down \$38 million from last year, mark the fifth consecutive year that the budget has declined since Proposition 13 hit the books in 1978.

Dr. Leslie Koltai, district chancellor, said that the budget elimination process "weighs heavily on my conscience," and added that he could not recommend a spending plan that would "deeply affect the lives" of students and employees.

Koltai and district officials hope for compromise between Gov. George Deukmejian and the state legislature that might alleviate some cuts. Senators recess (tomorrow) until January.

A \$50 per semester tuition fee for full-time students and \$30 for part-timers is being pushed by Deukmejian who claims that \$160 million would be restored to community college funds. Democrats who control the legislature favor new taxes to ease deficits.

Last July the tentative \$17 million budget deficit facing the district was

upped to \$29 million by Deukmejian's veto of \$232 million in statewide community college funds. This, coupled with depleted reserves and other accounts used last year "forced us into a precipice," Koltai remarked. State law required the district to present a balanced budget to the superintendent of schools by Sept. 7.

"These are the saddest days in the LACCD," said Trustee Lindsay Connor who voted in favor of the budget proposal. Connor and other board members attributed \$67 million in lost funds over two years to a bad economy, Proposition 13, and a "short-sighted governor who's chopping huge hunks out of education."

Various employee groups were not amenable to these as the only reasons for layoffs and class cancellations.

Virginia Mulrooney, president of the College Guild of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) characterized the budget as "evil" in that it favors "things over people." She suggested reduced

spending in such categories as deferred maintenance to save teaching jobs.

An alternative budget outlined by AFT Assistant Executive Secretary Paul Worthman showed a deficit of \$12 million compared to the district's \$28.8 million projection.

Worthman asserted that the district could boast a \$1 million surplus if it did not channel millions of dollars into "Miscellaneous" categories or establish "Dummy" accounts.

Thomas A. Fallo, district vice-chancellor of business services said that the savings in the union budget was based on "wrong" numbers and explained that further reductions in state aid are pushing the district toward bankruptcy next year.

Trustee Harold W. Garvin, in dissenting from the majority vote, said the proposed budget "pushed me over the line."

Students were represented by non-voting student trustee Judy Gomez who concluded, "What community is served by this budget? I think it sucks!"

Employees protest 'things over people' philosophy that characterizes budget

By JEFF SHARE
Associate News Editor

Demonstrating to save "people over things," more than 300 Los Angeles Community College District employees protested at yesterday afternoon's Board of Trustees meeting.

At press time last night, termina-

tion of 400 classified workers was still to be voted on by the board. In the invocation, Trustee Lindsay Connors said, "We stand between two shores, one of financial bankruptcy and one of educational bankruptcy."

American Federation of Teachers (AFT) President Virginia

Mulrooney stated that the two main purposes for the protest "are to urge the board to reconsider the budget and not to adopt proposed classified layoffs."

AFT Executive Secretary Jim Hardesty said, "The board still can revise the budget it has adopted. They have the power to shift

priorities."

Hardesty warned that "The budget as proposed is unacceptable" and on Sept. 29 if there is no change they "will cast a strike vote."

"The Board of Trustees is demonstrating vicious insensitivity to the needs of students and staff in order to sock money away for alleged potential needs," said Paul Worthman, assistant executive secretary. He continued by explaining that what he hoped to be gained from today's action would be "a restoration of all staff people threatened with layoffs."

The protesters aired their views, carrying signs proclaiming, "Teachers Deserve Respect," "Move Forward not Backward," and the one most recurring sentiment "Cut Things not People."

As the elevator packed with teachers traveled up to the board room, it stopped half way for an additional passenger. The man asked if "this elevator is going down."

The reply came from the corner, "No, only our salaries are."

LACCD public information officer, "The legality [of imposing tuition retroactively] is hard to assess, but it is safe to say that administering it would be very difficult if not impossible, at this time."

Tuition would provide the nine campus districts, of which Valley is a member, with just over \$4 million per year in additional funds.

The district is currently facing a \$29 million budget deficit for the academic year.

Drop fee: you drop, you pay

By EILEEN ERICKSON DARMIENTO
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Students who drop classes after September 25 will be charged a \$10 fee per course, not to exceed \$20 per semester.

Senate Bill 851, which passed last month, mandates that all community colleges impose the fee for classes dropped after the first two weeks of instruction. The legislation also provides that the fee will not be charged for changes due to special circumstances affecting the student's ability to complete the course or for changes initiated or required by the college.

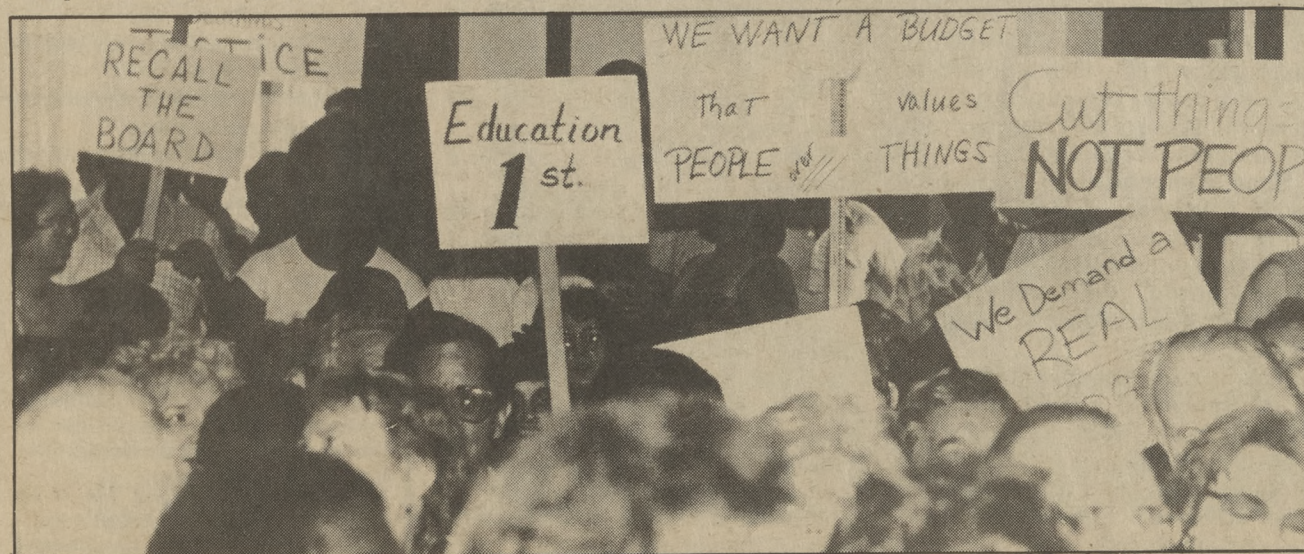
Students who have been excluded due to unexcused absences will have to pay the drop fee.

Valley College has approximately 45,000 add and drop transactions per semester, according to Mary Ann Breckell, administrative vice-president. Breckell feels the fee will hopefully cut down the number of those transactions.

Assistant Dean of Admissions John Barnhart also hopes it will cut down the number of drops and believes this action is "long overdue." He estimates 8 to 10 thousand classes are being dropped per semester. "We're just hopeful that the students will be more responsible in choosing their classes." He also said we could expect to see a lot more "radical changes in the coming year."

Students failing to pay their drop fees will have their transcripts withheld and will be denied registration for future semesters at any of the nine colleges in the district.

The money collected for drop fees will go into the district's general fund, and may be distributed back to the colleges eventually, according to Dr. Mary Lee, president of Valley College. She also said, "With the school having less money, the students have to have more responsibility. They have to make up their minds ahead of time."



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JAMMED AND DAMNED—Los Angeles Community College District employees demonstrated at the Board of Trustees meeting yesterday afternoon. Overflowing from the board room and picketing on the sidewalk, they crusaded for their jobs. A layoff of 400 classified service workers was the key issue on the board's agenda.

STAR EDITORIALS

A man and his idea — vile to CC's

'Duke' deaf to priorities

Taxation, not tuition!

When Gov. Deukmejian took office last year, he asserted that education was his first priority.

To punctuate his commitment, he initiated his governorship by imposing a "one-time additional" registration fee which emptied the wallets of many students attending schools within the University of California and Cal State University systems.

Deukmejian further served the cause of higher education by vetoing \$232 million in statewide community college funds last July in lieu of raising taxes to balance the state budget. Across California, district budget deficits have since escalated and a dozen or so districts "are on the brink of financial insolvency," Gerald C. Hayward, statewide chancellor of community colleges, said recently.

Deficits within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) have vaulted from \$17 million to \$29 million as a result of "Duke's" action. The district, in turn, proposed cuts which the board of trustees labeled "sad" — cuts which could ultimately cost more in human terms than would be saved in dollars.

As a remedy, Deukmejian is calling for a \$50 per semester tuition fee for full-time students, \$30 for part-timers which he says will restore community college funding to last year's levels. In fact, LACCD '83-'84 budget deficits would be offset a relatively negligible

amount while attrition rates soared, reducing money allocated from the state on the basis of Average Daily Attendance figures. Moreover, there is little to prevent a tuition fee from leaping to new heights each year when our governor eyes public higher education as a stalking ground for state revenue savings.

Public outcry emanating from Deukmejian's workfare solutions to educational money problems has been piercing but has gone unheard by our governor who turned a deaf ear to the sea of concerned lobbyists who flooded Sacramento over the summer. Alternative proposals to fee implementation such as levying an oil severance tax which legislative democrats have suggested, have made no pleasant budgetary noises to Deukmejian.

In short, the "open door" policy which distinguishes 106 California community colleges from those in the rest of the nation is being assailed, not just by lean times and Proposition 13, but by a governor who unconsciously neglects the very priority he purports to revere the highest.

If education is Deukmejian's first priority, we'd hate to see what is next on his list.

A conspicuously destructive posture on an array of social and environmental policies as well as education merits, we believe, a public recall of Gov. George Deukmejian. This should be our first priority.

What once appeared on the horizon as merely a far-off possibility has, with the passage of time, become all but the surest of probabilities. Unique in the nation, the California community college system is living its last days as a tuition-free institution.

At this point, then, a look ahead at what tuition will mean seems in order.

Presently, there are 1.1 million people attending community college statewide.

It is already difficult enough for many of them to come up with money for books, bus fare, and meals. It is estimated that when tuition is implemented hundreds of thousands will no longer be able to continue their studies. And, of course, minorities and those in lower income brackets will be forced out first.

Inflation will cause the \$100 per year fee to skyrocket to the point where fees will resemble those in Colorado (\$636 per year), Michigan (\$740), or New York (\$1,075). More and more people will be eliminated from an institution that once held out the promise of upward mobility.

Furthermore, tuition, which is viewed by many as a means of alleviating the budget crisis that is facing community colleges, will not even begin to solve the system's fiscal woes. At the Los Angeles Community College District, for example, the \$29 million budget deficit will only be reduced by less than \$4 million when tuition is imposed.

Clearly then, tuition will be a great tragedy.

What are needed desperately at this time are alternatives.

After years of both real and imagined abuses of their tax money, voters are reluctant to come down from the "tax-free castles in the sky" mentality of Proposition 13.

Still, it is critical that they do so.

What is needed is a re-educating of the American public concerning taxation. Taxation is not a dirty word when it is applied fairly and the collected revenues go to essential and worthy community services. This point can not be overemphasized.

Raising taxes, not callously or indiscriminately, but with a sensitivity to people's needs, is the only viable alternative that would preserve California community colleges as the nation's last bastion of free higher education.

For example, corporate income taxes could be increased to provide financial aid to the state's education system. While this would produce slightly lower immediate profits, it would be a long-term investment in the future that would pay great dividends for big business.

But now we, too, must return to reality—a reality that includes the almost certain likelihood of tuition, even as early as this semester.

Yet the dream of a tuition-free community college system is hard to forget.

And although the days grow short and so oftentimes the fight appears hopeless, it is a dream worth fighting for.

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A deadly sin

By CHRIS HASSETT
Staff Editor

The phone rang at about 12:30 a.m.

I was at the peak of a nightmare when the screaming bell caused me to fly out of bed. I stood shaking for several seconds and then looked at the clock. My heart dropped. Anytime the phone rings that late I expect the worst.

"Hello."

"Is Mr. Hassett there?"

"Yes, this is he."

"Mr. Hassett, this is Sergeant Heller with the Los Angeles Police Department."

"Mr. Hassett?"

"Yes, I'm here."

"Yes, well, we found your name and number in the car of Ms. Rene Marshall. Do you know her?"

"Yes I do. Is she all right?"

"Mr. Hassett, we'll need you to come down to the station right away. If you don't have a car we'll send one out to pick you up."

"No, no, I can make it. Is she all right?"

"Please come right away, sir."

I was still in a daze when I staggered out the front door and climbed into my truck.

On the way to the station, hundreds of thoughts went through my mind, but only a few stayed with me.

In the past, Rene (not her real name) would get drunk every night, and every night she would get behind the wheel of her convertible and drive through the city. She said it was the only time she truly felt free. Luckily for everyone else on the road, she was arrested on four of those nights for driving under the influence. Each time I would go down and bail her out. The last time she told me she was ready to quit.

The next day I took her to an A.A. meeting and over the next month I went with her until she felt comfortable enough to go alone.

It had been a year since that first meeting and she hadn't touched a drink. Last night, though, I had a feeling she had fallen off the wagon and did the thing she loved to do most when she was drunk: drive. It was probably best she got caught, I thought. Better safe in the drunk tank than drunk behind the wheel.

It's not unusual for an alcoholic to slip after years of sobriety. "One day at a time," they say. Tomorrow, if she was ready, we would go back to another meeting and try to pick up where she left off.

I was thinking how hard the courts would be on her when I pulled

into the station. As I walked down the long hallway, I thought about how happy she had been in the past year. How nice it was to be around her. I was looking forward to seeing her.

"Hello, I'm Chris Hassett. I've come to pick up Ms. . . ."

"Yes, Mr. Hassett. They're waiting in that room."

The small room was filled with smoke and was lit by a stagnant yellow light.

"Yes, I'm Chris Hassett. I've come to pick up Ms. Marshall."

"Mr. Hassett, please sit down," an officer gestured.

"I'm very sorry, but . . . uh, Ms. Marshall was killed tonight. I'm sorry, but we need you to identify the body."

Tears rushed through my heart, and my stomach fell into my lap.

"How did it happen?"

"She was hit by a drunk driver. We have him in custody. She was driving through an intersection when the man ran the red light. He was going over ninety miles an hour. She didn't feel a thing."

You been framed!

By MARY CRONIN
News Editor

It all started when the car manufacturers decided to replace ostentatious hood ornaments with front and rear plates that more easily identified the car and its maker.

Auto dealers then decided to get in on the act. License frames were placed on the car noting the name and location of the selling dealer.

Some individuals, tired of providing free advertising space for others, replaced the license frames with ones that more suited their personalities. A current favorite tells the world what the driver would rather be doing. Sitting at a dead stop during freeway rush hour behind a car whose frame proclaims "I'd rather be sailing," you're tempted to yell, "Well, who wouldn't?"

Also in vogue are plates that reveal the owner's astrological sign. Pisces and Virgos seem to think that this bit of information is interesting to those who see it on their cars; Aquarians do not.

The newest frames tell us what the person's other car is. "My other car is a Rolls Royce" seems to be the favorite. You see a lot of Volkswagens around whose drivers left the Rolls at home. I'm still looking for a Rolls with "My other car is a VW" on it.



An unjust alienation

By JOSEPH KEHOE
Editor-in-Chief

There was a loud knock at the door.

We had just returned from an afternoon hike and the thin, mountain air had left me tired. But it was a satisfied kind of tired. Visiting my parents in Lake Tahoe, even if it was only for a few days, would give me the strength to face another Los Angeles summer.

Soon my mother would find enough energy to start dinner. My father would go off and play with

his stamp collection. (We would laugh at him when he excitedly exclaimed that he had found yet another \$1,000 stamp which in the end always turned out to be worth less than postcard postage.) And my sister and I would find something over which to argue.

"Please open the door," came the firm demand through the window. My father opened the door.

"Immigration. How many people live here?"

"Four."

"Where were you born?"

"Argentina, but we're naturalized citizens."

"Let me see your papers."

Somewhere at the bottom of some box in the back of the closet were our papers. My mother found them in less than a minute, but the men had already left to conduct searches of the remaining apartments in the building. Apparently, we had been "too white" for what they were looking for.

Throughout the short incident, I sat motionless, at first frozen with disbelief—and then outrage. After the initial shock passed, the only thought I had was to throw them out, but I could only glare out into space.

When they left, nothing was said for a long time.

There was nothing to say; we were all feeling the same thing.

I cursed them and their right to do this. I cursed my papers and the color of my skin. I cursed the impotence of my anger . . .

Later in the summer, while fleeing from a U.S. Border Patrol car, 11 Mexican nationals were killed when the car they were riding in slammed into a truck in Southern California. The following day more than 100 people expecting relatives from Mexico inquired as to the identities of the mangled bodies.

I then remembered a tiny, two-sentence story buried in the back of the newspaper some months before

about a man who had drowned in a river while being pursued by "la migra."

It dawned on me that my earlier sense of outrage had been meaningless. The slight humiliation to which I had been subjected was nothing compared to the daily hardships these people endure. I could not truly share in their experience, the gulf between us was too wide. Peering out from behind the elitist safety that my papers provided, I could only try to imagine what their lives were like. But soon I would even stop trying to imagine. Soon I would forget.

I would forget the plight of these economic refugees as so many others seem to have forgotten.

They are the victims of native governments that are only able to provide hopelessness. Moreover, they are the victims of a U.S. government that permits them to be exploited in the fields and in the factories by day and chases them away by night. They are also the victims of pledges:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me . . .

Ultimately, however, they are the victims of hypocrisy.

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A STRIKING POSE—The bargaining unit for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild took time off from a busy summer on Monday to explain to nearly 1,000 district teachers where the contract negotiations stand. President Virginia Mulrooney (far right) and the rest of the team, which

includes Phil Clarke of Valley's Math dept. (far left), enjoyed a round of applause for their efforts. However, unless a settlement is reached by Sept. 28, there is the possibility that the AFT may go out on strike.

Education via television

I.T.V. moves to Valley College

By MARTI HOLBROOK STEVENS
Associate View Editor

The Instructional Television Unit of the Los Angeles Community College District has moved to Valley College.

During this summer, the unit relocated from the district's downtown headquarters to LAVC, according to David Moody, director of faculty and academic programs for instructional television.

"Instructional television is a

means used to bring education to students who are not able to come to campus during normal campus hours," said Moody.

On Monday, a new I.T.V. semester began with five courses offered on open telecast channels 7, 28, 50, 58, and on a number of cable networks. Two half-hour lessons are broadcast twice a week usually on more than one station. The type of courses offered are the kind taught in large lecture operations and require little student/instructor relations.

The only attendance requirement is six weekend seminars during the twenty-week semester. They are held on four college campuses (including Valley College, City College, Harbor, and West L.A.). These seminars include orientation, mid-terms, and final which provides classroom experience and student/instructor relations. Each class's seminars are scheduled at various times and days for the convenience of the student.

As in on-campus classes, I.T.V. is tuition-free. But if the L.A. college

district should go to tuition, Moody said, "we will go, too."

The student's only expense for I.T.V., parallel to on-campus classes, is the book cost which is equivalent to those on campus. But "the student saves a lot in transportation," said Moody.

Moody expects at least 2,000 students to be in the program at the end of enrollment.

"We're not really interested in having students (who are already) on campus enroll unless they have no other choice... (but) with all of the cuts on what's being offered, they can complete a program by adding us," said Moody.

Applications for fall enrollment are still available through the I.T.V. office in Room 4 of the Campus Center, or by telephoning the I.T.V. office on campus. I.T.V.'s final date for enrollment is October 2, and the units are transferrable to all state colleges and universities.

Budget cuts slash second session of summer school

By Chris Hassett
Staff Editor

The second session of summer school was eliminated this summer due to major budget cutbacks that hit the Los Angeles Community College District.

The summer sessions usually consist of one six-week session with a four-to-six-week post session.

The post session, which usually

has three to four hundred students at Valley College (much smaller than the first session), was eliminated by Chancellor Leslie Koltai. The deleted session saved the college about \$20,000. The total savings for the district was about \$300,000, according to Darlene Battle, public relations officer for the district.

The cost of the first session for

Valley was about \$210,000 with the complete district cost close to \$1.5 million.

So what about the possibility of completely eliminating summer school next year?

"We wouldn't be able to tell," says Edwin Young, dean of instruction for Valley. "Right now we're trying to get through this semester."

ASB planning increased programs

By MARY CRONIN
News Editor
and
JEFF SHARE
Associate News Editor

The Associated Student Body (ASB) is planning to greater expand their activities this year, according to Jeff Kaplan, incoming ASB president.

ASB normally sponsors a wide variety of activities, including the Art Gallery, extended library hours, Cultural Awareness Week, Crown Magazine, and emergency financial aid.

The extended activities will include a longer homecoming celebration, an expanded legal aid program, and a number of entertainment and educational activities.

Kaplan is especially enthusiastic about repeating last year's comedy-variety show. He plans to hold two of these shows this year and hopes that they will again be a vehicle for students to meet other students.

A series of 20 popular films will be shown on Saturday nights with local bands providing entertainment

before and after the movies.

The film series will include such diverse movies as "Casablanca," "Blazing Saddles," "Personal Best," "American Pop," and "It Happened One Night."

A lecture series concerning civil rights and women's rights is also planned. Black activists Julian Bond and Dick Gregory have been requested as guest speakers.

The ASB will man a voter registration booth outside the Book Store during the next month as part of the "Voter Registration Month" declared by Mayor Tom Bradley. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this drive would be "most welcome" according to Kaplan.

Students' ASB cards are now accepted at other colleges in the area, according to Kaplan. West Los Angeles, Pierce, Santa Monica, Los Angeles City, and East Los Angeles Colleges will all now honor Valley's ASB card for student discounts.

The ASB executive board still has six positions not yet filled. Four of

these positions have temporary appointments. However, Kaplan urged, "Anyone can apply for any of the six positions."

The open positions are treasurer and commissioners of Social Activities, Sports, Campus Improvement, Fine Arts, and Handicapped Students. Any student wishing to apply for an open position should contact Kaplan in the ASB offices in Campus Center 102.

Kaplan hopes for expanded membership this year, and is confident that the new activities will "allow people to meet other people."

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Smooth run for registration

By PHIL AMMANN
Staff Editor

The long lines and waiting may not have been eliminated, but registration for Valley College's Fall '83 semester has been running smoothly and without major incident, according to John Barnhart, assistant dean of admissions and records.

Citing a total of 21,672 students enrolled for the current semester as of Monday, a figure which is 6 percent down from last year, Barnhart explained that most of the credit for the success of the present registration system goes to the computer, which worked "virtually flawlessly," and to a "good hard-working crew."

The computer was partially inoperative for a total of 72 hours during the current registration period, due to telephone lines being severed by local construction work.

The registration staff quickly circumvented the problem and resumed their procedure, although working at a slower pace for the time of the difficulties.

"I was thoroughly impressed with the performance (of the computer)," said Barnhart. "It was

a pleasant surprise."

While explaining that the drop in registration could have many reasons behind it, Barnhart felt that "fear of tuition" is the most prevalent. He backed this up by noting that out of the 14,000 new students that submitted applications to Valley for the fall semester, only 6,000 of those potential students actually registered.

"Registration was very heavy for about four to five weeks," said Barnhart, "and then last week there was nobody."

The newly instituted drop fee, which charges \$10 to \$20 for classes dropped after the first two weeks, could have a noticeable effect on registration, but that still remains to be seen.

According to Barnhart, the drop fee will "have people clean up their act a little bit" by choosing classes with more discretion, in turn reducing the overall number of drops.

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AFT strike talk...

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know. It's difficult in this particular time when you're making all the reductions you're making, to look at a particular, theoretical contract and say we can or can't afford this."

At the meeting, the AFT also assailed the Board of Trustees for approving a budget that places "things over people."

While many classes and instructors (Mulrooney among them) have been eliminated, the district still found \$5 million to set aside for elections in non-election year, Mulrooney pointed out. (According to Schneider, the election funds are set aside each year so that there are not drastic budget fluctuations between election and non-election years.)

Before union members voted to meet again on Sept. 29 to cast a strike vote if no contract exists, they

passed resolutions censuring Gov. George Deukmejian and the board for their roles in the 1983-84 budget.

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Surviving in style 'on razor's edge'...

By JOANNE FRY
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Are you lost? Are you confused? Almost every student is. It is understandable because once you step off the cliff, it is a long drop off of the mountain of summer into the "Valley" of school.

To insure your college success during this turbulent transition, it is necessary to grasp some of the basic principles of college survival.

Here is some helpful advice designed to assist you in resolving even the most tormenting questions you might have regarding college life.

DIET AND EXERCISE.

Since you are in college now and probably trying to take care of yourself the best you can, your health is presumably high on your list of priorities.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and should not be missed. One of the most popular choices among college students for that early morning "get-up-and-go" breakfast includes:

1 large Tab (or coffee with cream and sugar for those colder mornings)

2 glazed or chocolate doughnuts ★
6-10 cigarettes

★For those less concerned with their health, the doughnuts may be eliminated.

Lunch also provides a nutritious part of one's daily diet. The menu usually consists of:

1 large Tab
French fries
Chocolate cake
Salad (optional)
10-15 cigarettes

Sometimes, though, lunch is skipped by students with a heavy class load or by those who have biology prior to lunch time. It is recommended that if you do not have the time to eat a decent lunch, an official snack food of the 1984 Olympics such as 'Snickers' or 'M&M's' will suffice until you can grab something a little bit more substantial.

It is important to realize that in order to achieve the desired "wired" effect, the combination of caffeine, sugar, and nicotine needs to be metabolized as quickly as possible. To reach this state it is necessary to perform some sort of semi-strenuous exercise. Most students prefer to delay until the last possible moment and then sprint to class with a twenty-five pound bookbag slung over one shoulder. This seems to work wonders.

DRESSING FOR SUCCESS.

Although Valley College has no

dress code, it is extremely important that in-coming students be aware of certain aspects of college fashion.

—**Avoid briefcases at all cost.** Even though they are a status symbol in the outside world, they are an object of contempt in the eyes of most students.

—**Avoid flashy backpacks.** Beware especially of those with rainbows, animals, sunsets, or pictures of your mother applicated on the back.

—**NEVER**, Never use both shoulder straps on your backpack! The proper way to wear one is to sling the right strap over your right shoulder. That way everyone will be able to clearly view the insignia on your polo shirt.

—**Polo shirts, Levi's, and Top Siders** are a definite must to enhance your college mentality, especially if you lack one.

—**Never wear bright orange,** lime green and shocking red in the same outfit. This might only be acceptable if it is Halloween, and you are dressed as a beach ball.

CLASSROOM STRATEGY AND ETIQUETTE.

Hopefully you have taken the tips on diet and dress to heart and are ready to progress to one of the most important areas in regards to your survival in college — classroom strategy and etiquette. Here are a few helpful hints.



DENISE MORGAN / Valley Star

"IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE, JANE."—The hassles of returning to college life can turn us all into modern day Tarzans.

—**When choosing a seat** in class pick a desk at the end of the row. This way, if you happen to arrive late for class, you will not attract the professor's attention when you stumble over everyone's feet on the way. Also, you will only have to remember one person's name instead of two.

—**If your professor** has not learned your name within the first three weeks of class, do not feel

obligated to learn his (or hers). After all, they have been in college for years longer than you and if they have not mastered simple memorization, then why should you?

—**It is not proper etiquette** to come to class with a debilitating hangover. But if you do choose to do so, and begin to feel tinged, instead of bolting out of the class at

the last possible second, simply raise your hand and say, "Excuse me, Professor So-and-So, I have to perform a series of extra-curricular activities which include regurgitation and expecoration."

With these helpful hints you may not make the Dean's List, but you will establish life long patterns of behavior that you will have to contend with for the rest of your life.

Sports

Monarchs change attitude: have high hopes ahead

By CHRIS HASSETT
Sports Editor

Football season officially begins this week as the Monarchs go up against Cal Lutheran's JV team tomorrow night at Valley College.

The past few years have been tough for the Monarchs, but this year Head Coach Chuck Ferraro feels that is all going to change. "We're much better this year than we have been the past few years," he says. "We have a very strong team. Our defense is tough and our offense is really starting to pull it together."

This year's team will have quite a few returning players, so they can help the rookies adjust to the new season. But the returners, along with the coaches, are going to have

to adjust to playing in a different conference.

Ferraro says the new conference, (The Southern Cal. Conference) is not any easier or any tougher than the old one. The change was made because the district had to put all the L.A. Community Colleges into one league for financial and transportation reasons.

The Monarchs also picked up three new coaches: Tom Brown on the defensive line; Bill Metoyer at tight end; and Tom Goosen, the linebacker coach.

Defensive Coach Bob Meyers, who has been with the team for four years, says this is the best team he has coached at Valley. "We're looking good," he says. "Very good."

Right now our defense is stronger than the offense, but the defense is always stronger at the beginning. We have a damn good offense. It'll take a couple of weeks to sync, but it'll happen."

Ferraro says it's too early to say exactly how they are going to do this year, but he is cautiously confident. "I think we have a winning team this year, but we will know more about how we're going to do after the first two ball games."

Jim Buffo, Valley's second year linebacker, has no doubt about his team and where they will end up this season. "This is definitely one of the best teams I've been on. We're going all the way this year. No problem."

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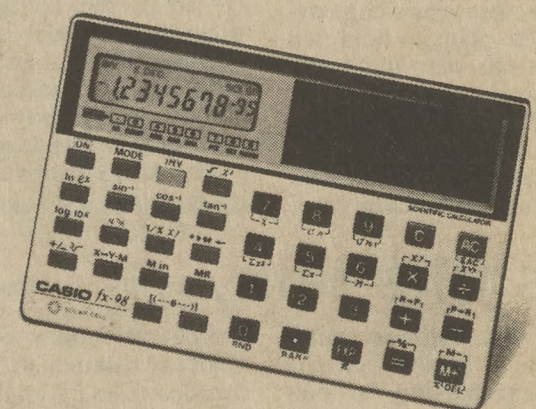
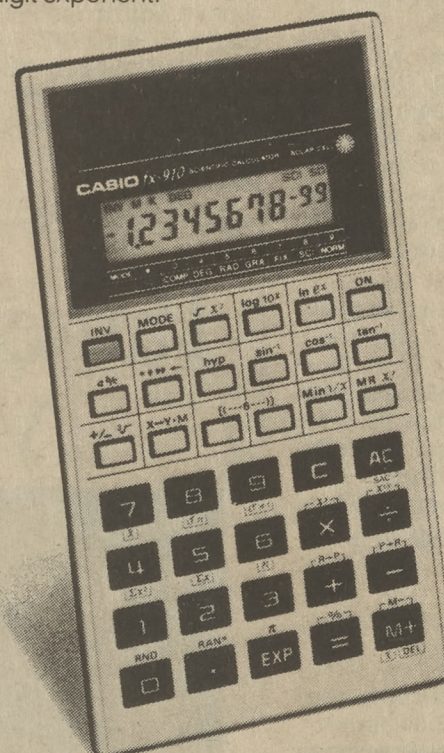
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